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ACTING CITY CLERK

DEPT. COMM. NO. 73

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077 / TELEPHONE 768-3810

January 28, 2015

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, President  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear President Kim:

This is to inform you that Resolution 15-15, expressing opposition to the U.S. Army's 2020 Force Structure Realignment Plan proposal to reduce personnel at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter, was adopted by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu at its meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

As directed by the Resolution, a copy is attached for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Glen Takahashi", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

GLEN TAKAHASHI  
Acting City Clerk

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Attachment

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STATE OF HAWAII

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 15-15

## RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. ARMY'S 2020 FORCE STRUCTURE REALIGNMENT PLAN PROPOSAL TO REDUCE PERSONNEL AT SCHOFIELD BARRACKS AND FORT SHAFTER.

WHEREAS, the members of the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii are critically important to safeguarding the interests of the City and County of Honolulu, including its people, its economy and its social infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as part of its 2020 Force Structure Realignment Plan, the U.S. Army is considering a proposal to eliminate 16,606 active duty soldiers from Schofield Barracks and 3,786 active duty soldiers from Fort Shafter on the island of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, any reduction in U.S. Army troops based in Hawaii will significantly undermine the U.S. military defense strategy of having a strong American "boots on the ground" presence in the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed force reduction will reduce the number of active duty U.S. Army soldiers on Oahu by at least 19,800 and trigger a corresponding reduction of approximately 30,000 civilian family members; and

WHEREAS, the proposed force reduction at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter would reduce both Oahu's total population by five percent and the individual populations of the surrounding communities, such as Mililani, Wahiawa, Waialua, and Kunia, by 38 percent, and threatens 20,000 local jobs in the construction, retail, and real estate industries and the professional, scientific, and technical services sectors; and

WHEREAS, the total negative economic impact of the proposed force reductions will gravely hurt Hawaii's economy, as follows:

- An estimated loss of \$1.35 billion in payroll;
- An estimated loss of \$400 million in military construction funding; and
- An estimated loss of \$9.2 million in general excise tax revenues;

and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the U.S. Army's 2020 Force Structure Realignment Plan proposal to reduce personnel at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter will have a devastating effect on the population, economy, and schools of the immediate surrounding area of Central Oahu and indeed all of the City and County of Honolulu's communities as a whole; now, therefore,

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**CITY COUNCIL**  
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No. 15-15

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**RESOLUTION**

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it hereby resoundingly expresses its opposition of any force realignment or reduction by the U.S. Army that would negatively impact Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Army Environmental Command-Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Army 2020 Force Structure Realignment, the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Pacific, the Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division, all members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the President of the Hawaii State Senate, the Speaker of the Hawaii State House of Representatives, the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Chairperson of the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**JAN 22 2015**  
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CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

**RESOLUTION 15-15**

Introduced: 01/22/15

By: ERNEST MARTIN

Committee: COUNCIL

Title: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. ARMY'S 2020 FORCE STRUCTURE  
REALIGNMENT PLAN PROPOSAL TO REDUCE PERSONNEL AT SCHOFIELD BARRACKS AND FORT  
SHAFTER.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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CC-51 ELEFANTE – RE-REFERRAL OF RESOLUTION 15-15 FROM THE COMMITTEE ON  
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM TO COUNCIL FLOOR.

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01/28/15 COUNCIL RESOLUTION ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

7 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA.

1 NO: PINE.

1 ABSENT: ANDERSON.

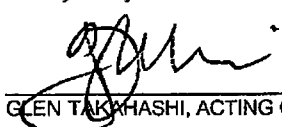
RESOLUTION 15-15 WAS ADOPTED.

8 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA,  
PINE\*.

1 ABSENT: ANDERSON.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN TAKAHASHI, ACTING CITY CLERK

  
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ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER